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## **CITY OF AUBURN EXPANDING PhotoSAFE \* Auburn RED LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT**

*City adds new intersection and first school zone system*

The City of Auburn has expanded its red light photo enforcement to a new intersection and has installed the first school zone system. The new intersection installation is located at 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Harvey Road and the school system is in front of Mt. Baker Middle School, 620 – 37<sup>th</sup> St. SE.

The city will now have three major intersections being enforced with the PhotoSAFE cameras. The other two intersections are at 4<sup>th</sup> and Auburn Way South and M St. and Auburn Way South. Drivers found in violation of running red lights at these locations are assessed a \$101 fine. Officials have stated that the latest intersection went live in Mid-November, and the school zone camera system will begin operation Dec. 15.

The school zone cameras will photograph cars violating the school zone speed limit of 20 mph during school hours, when the amber lights are flashing. The fine for school zone violations is \$177 per state statute.

### **ABOUT PHOTOSAFE AUBURN**

The red light enforcement system begins photographing when the light turns red and will photograph vehicles and their license plates as they approach the signal, enter the intersection and pass through the intersection. Auburn police officers will then view the images using the Internet-based monitoring system (Redflex WEBops®) and electronically generate citations that will be sent to the owner of the vehicle. Vehicle owners will also be provided with the high

resolution digital images with their citations and will have the option of viewing a 12-second video clip of the violation by logging on to secure web page.

In 2005, public safety officials began gathering data on Auburn's intersections in response to the State law passed allowing photo traffic enforcement (Washington State ESSB 5060). Auburn was the first Washington city to implement a digital photo and red-light enforcement program. The City has contracted with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., a company based out of Scottsdale, Ariz., for the installation and operation of the system.

If you would like further information regarding the PhotoSAFE Auburn red-light photo enforcement program, please contact Auburn Police Commander Greg Wood at 253-931-3044.

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